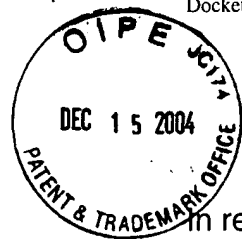


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated September 17, 2004, please amend the subject application as follows: